



# County of San Diego

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

### Thursday, November 16, 2006

#### Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Green, R.N., Katy – First District  
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Association  
Outlaw, Liz – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Counties  
Sarro, Lt. Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Scott, Chief Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association

#### County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

#### Guests Present

Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air  
Ybarra, Marcos – Pacific Ambulance

#### Vacant

Binational EMCC  
Emergency Physicians' Society  
League of California Cities  
Military Agencies  
S.D. Co. Medical Society  
Third District

## **I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention, Chief Mike Scott, not in attendance at last meeting.)**

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

### **IV. EMS STAFF REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

Nancy Bowen, M.D., Public Health Officer, has announced her retirement from San Diego County, effective in May, 2007 if not sooner.

No search is being conducted at this time for an EMS Director.

### **V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

Alvarado Hospital has been sold to two physician brothers from Los Angeles. They have not operated a hospital before but do own and manage a health-related type of business.

Paradise Valley Hospital has been sold to a Dr. Prem Reddy with Prime Healthcare. At this time, the new owners of both Alvarado and Paradise Valley have stated they intend to continue to operate both hospitals as general acute care hospitals with emergency departments.

Three contracts have been received back from hospitals for STEMI services, but still awaiting nine others. The system should be up and running in the next few weeks.

A Stroke Task Force group met on November 15, 2006 looking at evaluating the questionnaire that was sent to hospitals. A follow-up will probably occur with some hospitals who don't intend on seeking primary stroke accreditation to review their care. Currently four hospitals in San Diego County have stroke accreditation from JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) while another nine stated they were planning to seek it.

The State-wide drill occurred on November 15, 2006 and County EMS played a large role at the MOC (Medical Operations Center). There will be a critique conducted and suggestions will come forward from that on how to improve some things.

New protocols for adult and pediatrics are being worked on by committees and will be reviewed in early 2007 by the Base Station Physicians' Committee.

The ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) Study was planning on starting their first phase of the Hypertonic Saline, however some concerns were voiced by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) regarding inpatient standardization of care after the patient was admitted.

Also with ROC, the Cardiac Medical Arrest Study may begin in February or March, 2007.

The Health and Human Services Capacity Task Force met recently and reviewed

the annual health plan relating to influenza. There will be some minor changes.

The emergency services transporting contract for County Service Area 17 in the North County will be going out to bid in spring, 2007. The services are currently provided by San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE).

From the previous EMCC meeting, Chief Darrell Jobes had inquired about a program called First Watch. Dr. Haynes looked into that and discovered it comes from CAD data and it doesn't appear that the First Watch program would help in the review of offloading.

Also from the previous EMCC meeting, a West Nile virus case was discussed. Dr. Haynes reviewed the case with County Epidemiology and it involved a person who had a history of gardening and hiking outdoors who had a potential exposure and was quite ill at the time of review.

**VI. ELECTIONS FOR 2007 (Chair and Vice-Chair)**

**MOTION made by Dan Graham, Seconded by Mike Haworth, to elect Chief Darrell Jobes as EMCC Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to elect Dan Graham as EMCC Vice-Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.**

**VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS